

WANT COMPETING RAILWAY?
"THE PEOPLE MUST DECIDE"

A and E. T. Co. Will \$200,000 in Bonds from Buncombe County and \$100,000 from Asheville.

COMMISSIONERS ASKED
TO CALL COUNTY ELECTION

Surveys of Proposed Route to Galax, Connection With Clinchfield, Provide for 2 1-2 Grade, Max.

"It is up to the people to say whether they wish to have the Asheville & East Tennessee railroad extended to connect with the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio railway," declared R. S. Howland, president of that company, this morning. Mr. Howland appeared before the board of county commissioners today and asked them to order a special election on the matter of issuing bonds to aid in the construction of the railway. Mr. Howland explained to the board that he desired the people of Buncombe county to vote \$200,000 in bonds, and Asheville to vote \$100,000 and donate a site for a depot. The board of county commissioners and Mr. Howland agreed that the matter should be laid before the people. The board informed Mr. Howland that they were the servants of the people, and would do whatever the people desired in the matter. They suggested that petitions be presented before they took action; that the board of trade and the Retail Merchants' association, and the people of the county present petitions and then they would consider the matter.

In asking for the election for a bond issue, Mr. Howland stated that all he desired was the same conditions that were granted the Appalachian Interurban railway about two years ago, when a special election was called ordering that bonds be issued to aid in the construction of the road. Mr. Howland further stated that he was willing to be bound by any kind of time arrangement; that he was willing to have a specified time in which to begin and complete the road.

Madison and Yancey Ready.

There now remains only about 7 1/2 miles to be completed in Buncombe county. Madison and Yancey county will be asked to issue \$200,000 in bonds. There will be about 12 miles of road in Madison, and about 19 in Yancey county. It is said that the counties stand ready to do all that is possible to aid in the construction of the line. While Buncombe is asked to vote more bonds than the other counties it is pointed out that the property valuation in this county is many times greater than that of the other counties through which the line passes. The proposition is to extend to this road the same conditions in regard to the bonds as are embodied in the resolution authorizing a bond issue for the Appalachian Interurban railway; that the county and city are to receive stock in the railway in consideration for the bonds. In regard to the complaint that Asheville now has about a \$1,000,000 indebtedness, Mr. Howland stated that he had a water supply syndicate that was ready any day to purchase the city waterworks for \$1,000,000; that this would obliterate all the debts.

Galax the Junction. The entire road has been surveyed, and it is found that Galax, Mitchell county is a better junction point than Hurdle, and is the place where the connection with the C. C. & O. will probably be made. The line will be of standard gauge, and laid with 70-pound rails. It will be necessary to re-locate part of the road near Weaverville, for freight traffic, but the passenger line will still go through the town. This will make a grade of 2 1/2 per cent. on the entire line; a much better grade than on any road now leading into Asheville. The proposed route runs within a mile of Mars Hill, and about the same, or less distance, from Burnsville.

Weaver Company Will Furnish Power. The Weaver Power company is now preparing to begin the construction of a new power plant near Marshall, and this plant is expected to be completed within the next year. The Asheville & East Tennessee Railway company has secured from the Weaver Power company a very favorable contract for power for this railroad.

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WARNING'S OF STORM
ALONG SOUTHERN COAST

Tropical Storm Still Centered Over a Point South of Western Half of Cuba.

New Orleans, Oct. 8.—The weather bureau repeats its storm warning of last night. A tropical disturbance is said to be still centered over the Gulf, just to the south of the western half of Cuba. There is no danger along the Florida coast today.

FAIR ASSOCIATION
PLANS EXPANSION

Haywood's Fifth Annual Exhibition Closed—A Notable All-Round Success.

PARADE OF RIBBON STOCK
FEATURE OF THE LAST DAY

Winners in the Baby Show—Yesterday's Racing Events—Attendance Good Throughout.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Waynesville, Oct. 8.—The fifth annual Haywood county fair came to an end this afternoon. The attendance today was as large as on either of the previous days. By nightfall most of the exhibits will have been removed from the grounds. The fair, from a financial standpoint was most successful. The attractions have all been well patronized. Among those under local auspices was the refreshment booth, maintained by the Ladies' Home Missionary society of the Waynesville Methodist church. The receipts will be used toward purchasing new pews for the church, and a neat sum has been realized.

To Enlarge the Association.

The managers of the fair announce that the full list of prize winners in all departments would be published as soon as completed. A movement is on foot to increase the capital stock of the association, which has conducted the fair for five years, and add several buildings of large proportions to those already on the ground. A feature of today's fair was the parade of the blue ribbon stock. A number of women who had entered horses and cattle in the show handled the lines in the parade and were justly proud of their prize winners.

The Baby Show.

The baby show was the attraction yesterday. It was Western Carolina day, and the number of admittance tickets taken was nearly double that of the previous days. Extra attractions were added to entertain the crowds. The baby show was held on the band stand instead of the exhibit hall, because of the immense crowds. The judges were Capt. J. W. Bowles, R. H. Platt and E. E. Quinlan, all of Waynesville. They are all fathers and grandfathers, while Capt. Bowles is a great-grandfather. The three judges were therefore competent to judge of the beauty of the babies with an unprejudiced eye.

The mothers of the winners of the prizes for babies under one year were Mrs. Harry Roth, Mrs. Edward Williams and Mrs. Thomas Edwards. Those between one and two years old, of which there were nine entries, were Jessie Francis, Marjory Penland and John Tifton, Jr. There was only one entrant in the class between two and three years of age—Love Farmer.

Mule Race, Etc.

A mule race, a mile long, free-for-all, was run by Charles Turbyfill and Wade Kingsland, well known young mules of Waynesville. The mules ridden were not of blooded stock, but were borrowed from one of the farmers of Quinlandtown, a suburb of Waynesville. William Smathers was the winner of the prize of \$10 offered to the boy or man catching the greased pig. This was one of the most amusing features of the day.

ALBANY EXTENDS
HEARTY WELCOME

Half Moon and Clermont Made Voyage Escorted by Imposing Line of Vessels.

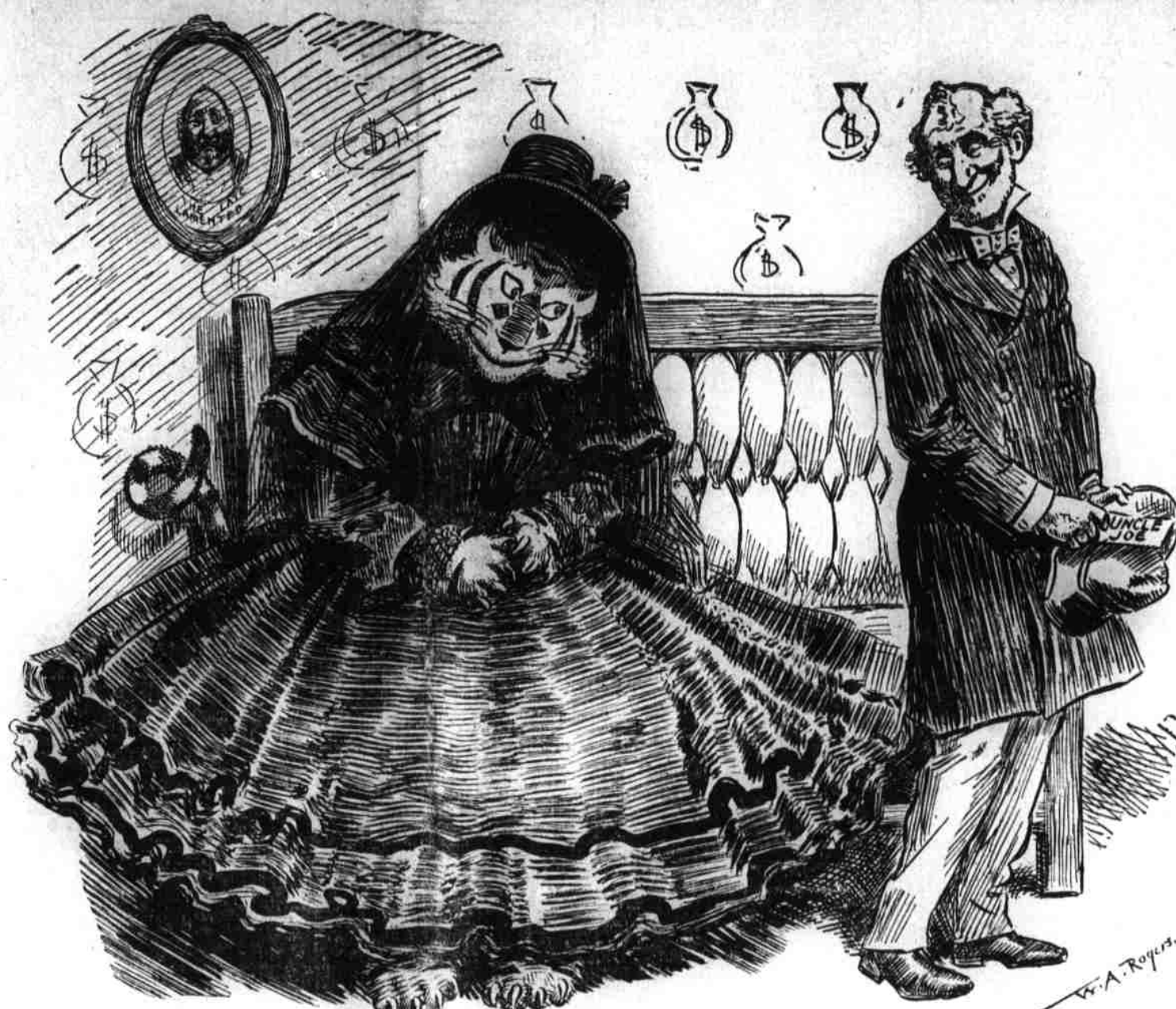
Albany, N. Y., Henry Hudson, on his voyage of exploration up the Hudson, reached Fort Orange, now Albany, in the Half Moon on September 19, 1609, and Robert Fulton, the first to navigate the river by steam, brought the Clermont to the Albany dock two centuries later on August 13, 1807.

Today Albany welcomed both the Half Moon and the Clermont, as they voyaged up the river, escorted by an imposing line of naval and other vessels, and dropped their anchors near Riverside park, where, earlier in the day the welcoming fleet had rendezvoused.

A Negro Hanged and Shot.

Greensburg, La., Oct. 8.—That App Ard, a negro, was lynched several miles from here Tuesday night became known today.

Young Ard, who killed a planter several months ago, was arrested early this week and was on his way here with a constable when a posse overtook them, and he was hanged and shot.



New York Herald and The Gazette-News.

"BEVARE OF VIDDERS"

AN EARLY RISER
IN WILDERNESS

President Starts on His Second Day
Roughing It, With 50 Miles
Journey in Prospect.

Wawona, Cal., Oct. 8.—President Taft was up at 5 o'clock this morning and an hour later he had started by stage to see the giant trees of the Mariposa grove. He will leave this afternoon for Glacier Point, at the top of one of the great granite cliffs that wait Yosemite valley. When the president started out on his second day of roughing it he had 50 miles of stage riding before him.

PLAN FOR PRIZE FIGHT
FAR OUT IN THE GULF

Galveston Sports Offer \$70,000 for
Jeffries-Johnson Bout—Scheme
to Evade Texas Law.

Galveston, Tex., Oct. 8.—A local sporting combination is said to have offered a \$70,000 purse for the Jeffries-Johnson fight if Johnson will fight here. The scheme is to build a pavilion on the rock jetties five miles out in the gulf, to accommodate from 15,000 to 20,000 people. The Texas prize fight law extends only three miles from the shore.

OLD STORIES ABOUT PEARY
REVIVED BY A CLERGYMAN

Antarctic Explorer Thinks Cook's Records Should Go First to Geneva Geographical Society.

Copenhagen, Oct. 8.—Captain C. E. Borchgrevink, the antarctic explorer, opposes the proposed submission of Dr. Cook's records to the University of Copenhagen and to the American Geographical society. He declared today that this would not prove satisfactory, both bodies being, he thinks, prepossessed in favor of Dr. Cook. Capt. Borchgrevink suggests that the geographical society of Geneva, as an unprejudiced body, should be asked to settle the matter.

A Greenland clergyman named Ludwigs, a member of the Cape York mission, acquainted with both Cook and Peary, has opened a campaign against the latter, reiterating some old allegations as to his ill treatment of the Eskimos. Among other charges he alleges that Peary once deserted a band of women and children on the ice without food, because they hindered the rapid progress of his expedition.

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts until 8 p. m. Saturday: For Asheville and vicinity: Partly cloudy weather tonight and Saturday; slightly warmer tonight.

ENTIRE FAMILY
BURN TO DEATH

Fire Started While Occupants of House Were Asleep—Several Others Rescued, But Four Fishmen Perished—Crowd in a Paralysis of Excitement by Horror of the Thing—Two Negroes Are Arrested.

ASHVILLE, Oct. 8.—Four persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed a brick dwelling house here today. Several other persons were rescued from the building. Two negroes have been arrested on suspicion in connection with the origin of the fire.

The fire broke out while the occupants of the house were asleep, and great headway had been gained when it was discovered, and so intense was the excitement caused by the horror of the thing that no organized attempt at rescue was made until after four fire companies had arrived on the scene.

In spite of heroic efforts to enter the apartment in the face of flames bursting from the windows, every member of the Fishman family perished.

The negroes arrested were Jim Butler and George Harrison, who have been hanging about the building. They were known to have had trouble with J. A. Thoms, a grocer, who occupied the ground floor.

WILL BE SERVED
IN WASHINGTON

Irving Wanted to Appear as Witness in the Smith-Williams Hearing Today or Tomorrow.

Indianapolis, Oct. 8.—A subpoena for Irving Sator of Washington, D. C., to appear here next Tuesday as a witness in the hearing of Delavan Smith and Charles R. Williams, proprietors of the Indianapolis News, charged with having committed criminal libel in the Panama canal purchase controversy, will be served in Washington today or tomorrow.

IMPORTERS OF TOBACCO
TRICKING GOVERNMENT

Have Been Bringing in \$1.85 Wrapper as 35 Cents Filler, Says Treasury Department.

Washington, Oct. 8.—Strict instructions for the proper classification of tobacco importations, which will result in an increase of revenue for the government, were issued today by the treasury department, following advice that recent examinations of tobacco invoices as filler and paying 35 cents duty disclosed a considerable quantity of wrapper tobacco, taxable at \$1.85.

Officials believe the government has for some time been defrauded in this way. Instructions are forwarded to customs collectors to seize all importations improperly classified.

A GREAT WELCOME
IS GIVEN DR. COOK

St. Louis' Greeting Most Enthusiastic Since His Arrival at Copenhagen.

St. Louis, Oct. 8.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the arctic explorer, headed the most impressive of centennial week pageants today, the military, historical, and education parade. The greeting given the explorer was declared to have been the most enthusiastic he has experienced since his arrival at Copenhagen.

Dr. Cook was surrounded by mounted police who kept the crowds from capturing the explorer.

Another popular feature of the parade was the appearance of the officers and men of the United States torpedo flotilla. The Jackies were received with deafening cheers.

WOMAN TERRIBLY BEATEN
BY A MADDENED NEGRO

Her Injuries Such That She Will Probably Die—Police Searching for Assailant.

Danville, Ill., Oct. 8.—The police are searching for a negro who entered the home of Mrs. Alice White and kicked and beat her so that she probably will die.

The man followed Mrs. White home, forced his way into the house and demanded that she accompany him to a place where, he said, they could smoke opium. He seemed insane.

CROP CONDITIONS
AS ON OCTOBER 1

Corn, Wheat and Tobacco Averages Reported—Comparison With Same Date Last Year.

Washington, Oct. 8.—The crop reporting board of the department of agriculture today made public the following estimates of crops on October 1, last:

Corn condition, 73.8 as compared with 77.8 on the same date last year. Spring wheat quality, 90.5 as compared with 88.1 in 1908.

Spring and winter wheat combined, average quality 90.4 as compared with 89.4 last year.

The average condition of tobacco at the time of harvest was 81.3 against 84.1 at harvest time 1908; by important tobacco states as follows:

Kentucky 81, North Carolina 77, Virginia 88, Ohio 88, Pennsylvania 66, Tennessee 82, Wisconsin 75, South Carolina 84, Connecticut 88, Florida 85.

PLAN TO CURTAIL
COTTON SPINNING

Discussed by Governors of the A. C. M. Ass'n—Asheville and Many Others Bid for Convention.

Charlotte, Oct. 8.—The advisability of adopting a plan of curtailment in cotton yarn spinning is today occupying the attention of the board of governors of the American Cotton Manufacturers' association, in session here. In addition to this important matter to be decided today, the board will select the place of meeting of the next annual convention.

While some slight advance in the price of cotton yarns is now noticeable it is believed some curtailment plan will be adopted; perhaps two days a week, or one week a month.

Considerable competition is being exercised by various cities for securing its annual meeting. Besides Charlotte, other cities who desire the convention are Asheville, Richmond, Atlanta, Mobile, Old Point Comfort, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Memphis, Niagara Falls, Atlantic City and New Orleans.

Charlotte, Oct. 8.—(Bulletin)—Charlotte is chosen as the next meeting place of the American Cotton Manufacturers' association.

TWO EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS
FELT AT DALTON, GA., TODAY

Houses Were Shaken Throughout the Town, But No Damage Has Been Reported.

Dalton, Ga., Oct. 8.—Two distinct earthquake shocks were felt here this morning.

Houses were shaken throughout the town but no damage is reported.

BASEBALL-MAD
IS PITTSBURG

Big Series Between Detroit and Pittsburgh Draws an Immense Crowd—Gates Besieged Early.

AND AFTER BALL GAME
IS MIDDLEWEIGHT FIGHT

Championship of the World in That Class Will Be Virtually Decided When Lomis and Papke Meet.

THE LINE-UP.	
Detroit.	Pittsburg.
Jones, D. H.	Byrne, 2b.
Bush, ss.	Leah, cf.
Cobb, rf.	Clarke, lf.
Crawford, cf.	Wagner, ss.
Delahanty, 2b.	Miller, 2b.
Morarity, 3b.	Abel, 1b.
Jones, T. H.	Wilson, rf.
Schmidt, c.	Gibson, c.
Mullin, p.	Adams, p.

BULLETINS.

First inning—Cobb scored for Detroit. Pittsburg, no runs.
Second inning—Neither side scored.
Third inning—Neither side scored.
Fourth inning—Detroit, 0, Pittsburg 1.
Fifth inning—Detroit 0; Pittsburg 2.
Total score—Detroit 1; Pittsburg 3.
Sixth inning—Detroit 0; Pittsburg 1.

Seventh—0 to 0.
Eighth—0 to 0.
Ninth—0 to 0.

R. H. E.
Pittsburg 4 5 0
Detroit 1 6 3

Pittsburg, Oct. 8.—What is expected to be a record breaking crowd for the world's championship baseball game began to gather early at Forbes field today, to witness the opening game of the big series between Detroit, three times champions of the American league, and Pittsburgh, winner of the National league pennant.

Those who were not lucky enough nor rich enough to secure reserved seats besieged the gates at an early hour. The gates were opened several hours before the game was scheduled to begin. A tremendous rush for seats followed, and in a short time all but reserved sections and boxes were filled to overflowing with a baseball-mad crowd.

The national commission has announced that Umpire Johnstone would work behind the plate, with O'Loughlin on bases.

Lomis-Papke Fight.

At the conclusion of the world's championship game this afternoon, sporting interest in Pittsburg will center in a six-round bout between Willie Lomis and Billy Papke, to be held here tonight. The battle will virtually decide which one of them is to get the crown now worn by Stanley Ketchel, as middleweight champion of the world.

WIDE RANGE OF BIDS
ON CONCRETE BRIDGE

Commissioners Receive 33 Propositions, And Are Working in Mass of Data.

The board of county commissioners, in session today to consider bids for the construction of the proposed high bridge and viaduct across the French Broad river near the Park avenue and Roberts street intersection, thus connecting Asheville with West Asheville, had not, at 3:45 o'clock this afternoon, been able to decide just what type of bridge it desired and at just what price.

When the commissioners met today a total of 33 propositions, for the construction of the bridge, were submitted. These propositions range in price from \$57,900 to \$119,000. The commissioners, in an effort to avoid complications and to secure the best bridge at the smallest outlay of money, referred the many bids to Capt. Robert P. Johnston, the engineer in the employ of the commissioners on the bridge matter, to determine which was the best bid.

When the commissioners called up the matter this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Capt. Johnston reported that he was unable to say just which was the best bid; that he had classified the bids and the construction and these classes—four classes—were submitted to the board. It is now up to the commissioners to determine which class or type of bridge will be constructed and which is the best bid made.

The commissioners at 3:45 o'clock were considering the matter with many people from West Asheville in attendance, interested and concerned in the final determination of the commissioners and the probable awarding of the contract.